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Recruiters hit streets in HMMWV's to drive in new soldiers

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photo by Charles Sears

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – The Army has been developing a number of new ideas to help bring new soldiers into the military, such as commercials, recruiting posters, and now it has considered changing the well-known Army slogan, “Be all that you can be in the Army.” The 81st Regional Support Command (RSC) has also found a way to attract the attention of potential new Army Reservists, and it’s one that recruiters say will definitely catch your eyes in the new millennium.

The U.S. Army 2nd Recruiting Brigade, Atlanta, Ga., found a unique way to show soldiers that the Army Reserve is just as ‘cool’ as the regular Army. They refurbished two M988’s, High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV), from the 81st RSC and have taken them to the streets in hopes of recruiting some dedicated, new soldiers into the Army and Army Reserve.

Charles Sears, public affairs specialist with the 2nd Recruiting Brigade, said the changes are minor, but very noticeable.

“We are using what is called a ‘hard-shell’ HMMWV with some features removed and others added,” Sears said. “What we did was remove all of the brackets and mounts for safety reasons and added an ignition ‘kill switch’ for safety reasons also. We installed a 110-voltage adapter so we could use laptops, video players, small sound systems, and more while in the field.”

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To further assist and inform you we have added links to important First Army web pages and others. Just click on the “Highlights” to be forwarded to interested topic.

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Some other features of the HMMWV are: a hi-gloss black finish, inside and out, with yellow trim, stripes, bezels, and lettering. The upholstery is black canvas with yellow trim and some extra padded sections have been added in the same material. It has chrome wheels and the latest Army-authorized tire upgrade. Sears said that an “add-on” sign was constructed to be mounted into the roof weapons mount when the vehicle is at rest. He also added that the driver’s side of the vehicle displays, “Army Be All You Can Be,” and the passenger side displays, “Army Reserve.”

Sears said it all got started with the help of Brig. Gen. Michael R. Mayo, 81st RSC commanding general.

“Many of us have felt for years that the HMMWV is the most popular vehicle with young people and draws attention. Our current commander, Col. Mark Hays, wrote to General Mayo expressing the idea and Mayo responded with two vehicles on a long-term hand receipt with approval to modify, as we did,” Sears said.

He added that by themselves, the HMMWV’s will not put anyone in the Army, but they can help draw attention to the Army Reserve message

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and the recruiters. He said that wherever the HMMWV's go, they draw a crowd. The recruiters get honked at, waved at, and followed on the road to events. They also get approached when they stop for fuel or refreshments on the way.

Currently there are two vehicles in the program and are both assigned to the Atlanta Recruiting Battalion while their success is being ascertained. Sears said there are plans for more and they intend to assign them to their other recruiting battalions throughout the Southeastern United States.

Editors note: All Army Reserve and Army National Guard east of the Mississippi are in the First Army's area of responsibility for training and mobilization support.



TRICARE is the name of the health care program for all branches of the military. Effective mid 1995, TRICARE began offering military personnel and their families a Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) type program. This is a source of healthcare that has low costs and can meet most needs of all military personnel and their families. TRICARE offers three plans: Prime, Extra, and Standard. Active duty soldiers must complete local administrative procedures to enroll themselves and their family members. This is a free enrollment, with no fees or costs. When you enroll your family members in Prime, there are: no enrollment fees; no military medical fees; no deductibles; virtually no claims to file and low hospital costs.

In addition to receiving care within a Military Treatment Facility (MTF), which includes military hospitals and clinics, active duty families and retirees can also select from a network of TRICARE Prime civilian healthcare providers. However, with this option there will be a modest fee (or co-pay) for non-active duty members for each visit. TRICARE Health care programs are provided to active duty members with no cost. With TRICARE Prime, you will be assigned a Primary Care Manager (PCM) when you need medical treatment. The bottom line is you will be assured of high-quality care on a continuous basis, provided you follow the local administrative enrollment application and administrative procedures and renew your coverage annually. A continual enrollment process will be established in the near future.

Did you know there is an Office of the Secretary of Defense TRICARE Website that provides information that can help answer many of your TRICARE questions? It can be found at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/>

You can also click on your state as depicted on the TRICARE Regional Map located at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/tricare/trimap2.html> to gain additional region specific information.

TRICARE Prime Remote (TPR) information can be found at the following addresses below:

TRICARE Prime Remote (TPR) Links and Information

http://www.tricare.osd.mil/provider_directory.html

<http://www.tricare.osd.mil/remote/>

www.first.army.mil/SMA/sma_home.htm

E-mail your concerns to TRICARE_HELP@otsg.amedd.army.mil or call 1-800-647-6676

Important Coverage Information for TRICARE Prime Members

If your PCM refers you to a specialist or other provider, make sure your referral is authorized by the Health Care Finder BEFORE you visit that provider. Any non-emergency care you receive that is not directed by your PCM AND authorized by the Health Care Finder will not be paid at the TRICARE Prime benefit level. Instead, the Point of Service option will apply. Primary Care Managers must submit their request to the Health Care Finder for review and approval before you seek care.



Photo by Paul Adams

ARMY RESERVE GOLFER GETS COMMISSION, PLAYS WITH TOP GOLF PROS

By Paul Adams

ORLANDO, Fla. – Second Lieutenant Julie Stolzer, a North Carolina Army Reservist, finished a spectacular three weeks of championship golf culminating with her participation in the National Car Rental Pro-Amateur Golf Tournament, Oct. 16-25, and her receiving a commission in the Army Reserve prior to beginning play.

During an informal ceremony on the Shades of Green at Disney World, Maj. Mike Swaillie, the deputy chief of staff for plans and operations for the 332nd Medical Brigade, Nashville, Tenn., commissioned Stolzer, who was a corporal. The 332nd is the higher headquarters for Stolzer's unit, the 396th Medical Company, Winston-Salem, N.C.

In order to qualify to enter the Orlando tournament and receive the opportunity to play with the pros, Stolzer won the Army Trials at Fort Gordon, Ga., Aug. 24, to begin her stretch weeks of championship golf. Her 28-stroke victory there qualified her to compete at the next level, the Armed Forces Championships held at Camp Lejeune, N.C., Aug. 28 to Sep. 3.

Stolzer competed against the best female golfers from the other military services. Her victory was not secured until the last putt, on the last hole, on the final day of competition, which she won by one stroke.

"We were so close all day going back and forth. First I was ahead and then she was," Stolzer said of her Air Force competitor. "I was really sweating it, but I was able to make a six-footer on the 18th hole and she missed a four-footer." Her victory at the Armed Forces Championships qualified her for the Conseille International du Sport Militaire (CISM) Golf Tournament, Sep. 4-12. The CISM is the military's equivalent of the Olympics.

Stolzer captured first place in the female division, edging out competition from Canada and South Africa. She won by three strokes over her closest competitor, a female from South Africa.

When Stolzer is not playing or practicing golf, she is attending Wake Community College where she is getting a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing. In two years she will enroll at Duke University to take the Nurse Practitioner curriculum and earn her Master's.

While working towards her degree, Stolzer has been an active member of the Army Reserve, assigned to the 396th as an operating room technician.



Unprofessional Relationships and Fraternization Rules and Regulations

Are you an enlisted soldier dating an officer or vice-versa? Have you been dating prior to March 99? Do you hear wedding bells or are you drafting your dear John/Jane letter? As of March 1st these relationships will undergo major changes due to the revisions of AR 600-20. Click on the Staff Judge Advocate logo to get the complete information.



From the CG's Desk

Since coming to First Army last summer, I have traveled constantly throughout our 27-state, 3-territory area meeting with commanders, visiting training and seeing our great troops. On the dawn of this New Year, I ask all of you in First Army, from military to civilians, to join me in rededicating yourselves to helping our soldiers and units achieve their highest levels of training and readiness possible. As you know, the world remains a dangerous place and the demands placed on our Army continue to grow. We must ensure that First Army's Reserve Component soldiers are prepared to meet the rigors and demands of the full spectrum of military operations in the 21st century.



Click on the logo to go to the First Army IG web page for these additional topics:

Uniform Changes
Nonsupport of Family Members
Invitational Travel Orders
Frequent Flyer Miles

Some do's and don'ts in the use of Government Equipment, Property, and Communications Systems

Government equipment and property should only be used for official purposes. However, there are some exceptions to this rule. Employees may make limited use of equipment such as typewriters, calculators, libraries, and other similar resources and facilities under the following circumstances:

- The use does not adversely affect the performance of official duties.
- The use is of reasonable duration and frequency, and made only during the employee's personal time such as after duty hours or lunch periods.
- The use serves a legitimate public interest (such as supporting local charities or volunteer services to the community, enhancing the professional skills of the DoD employee, or job-searching in response to Federal Government downsizing).
- The use does not put Federal Government resources to uses that would reflect adversely on the Army, such as involving commercial activities, unofficial advertising, soliciting or selling, violations of statutes or regulations, or other uses incompatible with public service.

- The use creates no significant additional costs to the Army.

Similarly, government communications systems can be used only for **official use** and **authorized purposes**. Official use includes emergency communications and communications in the interest of the federal government. Cellular telephones should **only** be used for official use or emergencies and only when other means of communications are not available. Authorized purposes include:

- Brief communications made by employees while traveling on government business to notify family members of official transportation or schedule changes.
- Personal communications from the employee's usual work place that are most reasonably made while at the work place (such as checking in with spouse or minor children; scheduling doctor, auto, or home repair appointments; brief internet searches; e-mailing directions to visiting relatives, etc.) Personal communications must not adversely affect performance of official duties, must be of reasonable duration and frequency, and when possible, be made during personal time such as after duty hours or lunch. They must also serve a legitimate public interest such as keeping employees at their desks rather than having to find a commercial system, educating the employee on the use of the system, enhancing professional skills, and job-searching in response to Federal Government downsizing.

Government systems cannot be used for activities that would reflect adversely on the Army, such as pornography, chain letters, unofficial advertising and soliciting or selling except on authorized bulletin boards established for such use. Additionally, the use must not overburden the communication system (such as with group mailings.) It must create no significant cost to the government. Long distance tolls must not be charged to the government for these types of communications.

Employees must keep in mind that most government communications systems are not secure and are subject to monitoring.

[WWW.first.army.mil](http://www.first.army.mil)

First Army web site easier to find

The DCSIM assumed responsibility of the First U.S. Army Web site in October. We had the site's name changed from www-first.army.mil to **www.first.army.mil**. This will enable search engines to better find it. We are working to make the site a better resource of information for you. We've added more information and various links, such as our subordinate commands' web sites, TriCare, and Civilian Personnel. Additionally, each HQ Directorate and Special Staff Section now have a home page to provide information to their customers. We invite you to visit our site often -- we are updating it almost daily. We also solicit your suggestions on how we can make it better serve you. Comments or suggestions concerning the First U.S. Army web site can be e-mailed to our Webmaster at <<mailto:mccormic@gillem-emh1.army.mil>>.



photo by Master Sgt. Thomas Bond

First Army Hosts the Civilian Aides to the Secretary of the Army in Atlanta

Above Mr. Herbert S. Hoffman CASA (East Area) and Lt. Gen. Riggs receive a briefing on the Third Army's mission from Third Army commander Lt. Gen. Franks. In the background are (Left to Right) Dr. Steven Titus CASA (Minn.), Mr. Walter Kaye CASA (N.Y.) and Mr. Wallace Schoettelkotte CASA (Southern Area).



Santa (Capt. Jamie Snyder, from First Army SJA) checks on who is being naughty and nice during the CG's holiday run with Headquarters, First Army (photo by Master Sgt. Thomas Bond).

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to MAJ Janifer, CPT Dallam, LTC Hackle, COL McKnight, SGM Hearon, MAJ Tolk, MAJ Ward, MAJ Carson, SFC Howell, SFC Wright, MAJ Bass, MAJ Appiah, LTC Weaver, SSG Royal, LTC Benson, SGT Cook, SFC Benjamin, LTC Machovec, MAJ Holland, CPT Ward, SFC Rocha.

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